GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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REGISTERED TRUCKS
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government maintains the details regarding the number of registered trucks presently operating in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to extend national permits for trucks to all the States and to set up Transport Development Councils;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which the said proposals are likely to be sanctioned; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b) The Transport Research Wing of the Ministry maintains the data relating to number of registered vehicles in the country. As per the latest available data in the Ministry, there were 44.36 lakh registered goods vehicles in the country as on 31.3.2006.

(c) to (e) A Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (RT&H) has been constituted to look into the issue of streamlining of National Permit system. The Committee has prepared a draft Report inter alia recommending collection of a lumpsum amount of composite fee of Rs.15,000/- per annum per vehicle allowing the vehicle to ply throughout the country under National Permit. Since it involves the endorsement by the Transport Development Council (TDC) / the State Governments, no definite time frame for implementation of the proposal could be envisaged at this stage. The TDC is headed by Hon'ble Minister (Road Transport and Highways) and comprising Transport Ministers of the States/UTs. It is already in existence.